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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN YOUTH SECURITY CONFERENCE

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1. SUMMARY: EMBOFF CALLED ON RADU ENACHE, ROMANIAN UNION OF COMMUNIST YOUTH (UTC) SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, JANUARY 26, TO GET ROMANIAN VIEW OF JANUARY 9-13 OSLO PREPARATORY MEETING FOR WARSAW EUROPEAN YOUTH SECRETARY CONFERENCE. ENACHE CONFIRMED THAT ONLY DECISION TAKEN AT OSLO MEETING WAS AGREEMENT TO MEET LATER IN SOFIA, AND NOTED ROMANIAN DIFFICULTIES WITH "BLOC" APPROACH TO PARTICIPATION
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FORMULA, INITIALLY PROPOSED AT OSLO. HE SAID GOR FAVORED

A U.S. AND CANADIAN PRESENCE AT THE WARSAW CONFERENCE. END
SUMMARY.

2. THE PARTICIPATION QUESTION. ENACHE FELT OSLO MEETING HAD BEEN POORLY PREPARED AND TOO MUCH IN RUSH TO DECIDE IMPORTANT PROCEDURAL MATTERS. ROMANIANS HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY DISTURBED TO ENCOUNTER A "BLOC" APPROACH TO THE PARTICIPATION PROBLEM, E.G., ORIGINAL PROPOSAL WAS APPARENTLY FOR THE EUROPEAN NATIONAL YOUTH COMMITTEE (CENYC) AND THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF SOCIALIST YOUTH (IUSY) TO ISSUE INVITATIONS FOR THE WARSAW CONFERENCE TO THEIR RESPECTIVE MEMBERS AND OTHERS, AS APPROPRIATE. ROMANIANS ARE AGAINST THIS PROCEDURE WHICH THEY SEE AS PLACING TOO MUCH EMPHASIS ON THE RESPECTIVE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH ORGANS WHEN WARSAW CONFERENCE IS MEANT TO BE A GATHERING OF NATIONAL YOUTH GROUPS. IN ADDITION, ENACHE POINTED OUT THAT NEITHER CENYC NOR IUSY INCLUDED ALL NATIONAL YOUTH GROUPS FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS, NOR COULD THEY CLAIM TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THEIR NATIONAL MEMBERS. ORGANIZING WARSAW CONFERENCE THROUGH CENYC AND IUSY WOULD GIVE MEETING AN EAST-WEST CONFIGURATION RIGHT FROM START AND BE A STEP BACKWARDS FROM THE NATIONAL, NON-BLOC, PARTICIPATION FORMULA USED IN HELSINKI. ENACHE SAID ROMANIA FAVORED AN ELASTIC PARTICIPATION FORMULA WHICH WOULD INCLUDE A WIDE VARIETY OF YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING U.S. AND CANADIAN PRESENCE AT THE WARSAW CONFERENCE. HE NOTED THAT POLISH DELEGATION HAD INFORMED THE PREPARATORY MEETING OF A MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM THE U.S. YOUTH COUNCIL INDICATING ITS INTEREST IN ATTENDING THE WARSAW CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, THE QUESTION WAS NOT FURTHER DISCUSSED.

3. OTHER CONFERENCE PROCEDURES. ENACHE SAID THAT THE ROMANIAN DELEGATION WILL INSIST THAT CONFERENCE PROCEED BY MEANS OF CONSENSUS, AS HAD BEEN DONE IN HELSINKI. IN ADDITION ROMANIANS DID NOT WANT THE CONFERENCE EMPOWERED TO ISSUE ANY OBLIGATORY DECISIONS OR DOCUMENTS, ACTIONS STRICTLY WITHIN THE POWER OF THE INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL YOUTH ORGANS. ENACHE ALSO NOTED THAT ROMANIANS HOPED FOR A BROAD AND MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION OF DISARMAMENT ISSUES AT WARSAW.

4. COMMENT. ON YOUTH FRONT, AS ELSEWHERE, ROMANIANS REMAIN ADAMANT THAT IT BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT SOVEREIGNTY RESIDES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL. NORWEGIAN INSISTENCE (NOTED OSLO 0305) THAT WFDY "GET ITS INTERNAL HOUSE IN ORDER" IS PRECISELY WHAT ROMANIANS DO NOT WANT, NOR DO WE BELIEVE IT SERVES ANY PARTICULAR U.S. INTEREST TO ENCOURAGE YOUTH EXCHANGES OR ACTIVITY WITHIN A RIGID EAST-WEST FRAMEWORK THAT HELPS THE SOVIETS COERCE THEIR EAST EUROPEAN "CLIENTS".
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